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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Under date of November 30, 1945, the Treasury Department addressed a letter to Lt. Col. William T. Hornaday, War Crimes Office, Headquarters, Army Service Forces, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D. C., referring to a request by Col. Hornaday addressed to the Bureau of Customs for authority to use the originals of certain documents which were taken from the files of the Bureau of Customs and which will be introduced at certain war criminal trials in Japan.

Col. Hornaday was informed that the Treasury Department had no objection to his use of these documents.

It is understood that the War Crimes Office has particular reference to a report from former Treasury Attache Nicholson at Shanghai, dated October 27, 1937, entitled "MANCHOUKUO OPIUM MONOPOLY ADMINISTRATION, ITS ORGANIZATION, ACTIVITIES AND OPIUM CONDITION IN MANCHOUKUO IN 1937," and wishes to be informed whether this is an official report.

You are informed that the report entitled "MANCHOUKUO OPIUM MONOPOLY ADMINISTRATION, ITS ORGANIZATION, ACTIVITIES, AND OPIUM CONDITION IN MANCHOUKUO IN 1937" is an official report from the Office of the United States Treasury Attache at Shanghai and was taken from the files of the Bureau of Customs in order that it might be used as evidence in the war crimes trials in Japan.

Very truly yours,

/s/ O. Max Gardner

Under Secretary of the Treasury

The Honorable

The Secretary of War

In duplicate